

A. Vibert Douglas

Correspondence

Application for 9.
Warden, McGill
1937 - 1939

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L'HON. JUGE A. RIVES HALL,
PALAIS DE JUSTICE,
MONTREAL.

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*See Shaw, Foster
Sir Al. Redden &*

*Application & support letters
to warden RVC. McKel
afterward sent to Queen's Univ*

1939

Letters from

1. A R Hall
2. J D Adams
3. A N Shaw
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8. A C Geddes

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McGill University
Macdonald Physics Laboratory

January 9, 1937.

The Secretary,
McGill University.

Dear Sir,

I am very glad to write a strong testimonial on behalf of Dr. A. Yibert Douglas who tells me that she is applying for the position of Warden of the Royal Victoria College.

Dr. Douglas has been on the staff of the Department of Physics as a lecturer and demonstrator since 1920, and she has been qualified for long to hold a position of higher rank than her present post. In both teaching and investigation she has shown high ability, and has published about ten papers on her work in Astrophysics, and about twenty-five well written popular articles on topics in Physics and Astronomy.

As a popular lecturer and writer she has achieved a distinct reputation, such that she is frequently requested by outside bodies to give lectures and write articles. Her style in speaking and writing is attractive, lucid and stimulating to her hearers and readers.

Her interests are broad and she adds a literary and philosophical outlook to her training in scientific methods of thought and work.

In addition to her intellectual qualifications, she has shown in her conscientious advising and guiding of women students that she is always personally interested in their welfare and development. This is, I believe, an important attribute in regard to the post for which she is applying. I believe that Dr. Douglas is highly respected by the students with whom she comes in contact. She has also been successful in dealing with classes of men students.

Dr. Douglas has also revealed a definite capacity for organization and general routine. Her work during the war and subsequently on numerous women's committees, where she has frequently had experience as secretary or chairman, has indicated distinct administrative ability. She has, for many years, played a large part in the organization and continued successful running of the Montreal branch of the Royal Astronomical Society. This year she is President of the McGill Physical Society. Her own application and other references will doubtless indicate her services to education outside this Department. She is particularly

thorough and conscientious in regard to such matters as records and reports.

In general personality and bearing, I believe that she is well qualified for this position. She is free from the intellectual fads and the militant attitude found in many women of attainments. Her outlook is naturally conservative and idealistic, but these attributes are modified by her practical experience in numerous activities and by her scientific training. This has produced in her a blend of ability, moderation and good judgment which has drawn the high respect of her colleagues and numerous friends.

Dr. A.S. Eve and Sir Auckland Geddes would, I am sure, be glad to give strong testimonials on her behalf in regard to their opinion of her work and general qualifications.

As a Canadian, a Montrealer, a McGill graduate and a member of our staff, Dr. Douglas has, I believe, already a knowledge of the duties and problems of this position, the types of students, etc., which it would require several years for an outsider to gain. I have much pleasure in recommending this candidate very strongly for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

A. Norman Shaw

A. Norman Shaw
Director, Macdonald Physics Laboratory.

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MADISON, WIS.



January 14th, 1937.

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Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Having been informed that the Governors of McGill are about to consider the appointment of a successor to Mrs. Vaughan as Warden of the Royal Victoria College, I have great pleasure in supporting the application of Dr. Alice Vibert Douglas.

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A. Westall

(Justice, Court of King's Bench.)

Frank D. Adams, D.Sc., F.R.S.,
Emeritus Professor

McGill University
Montreal.

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Dear Sir:

I understand that Miss A. Vibert Douglas, M.B.E., Ph.D., F.R.S., intends to be an applicant for the position of Warden of the Royal Victoria College, and I desire to place before the Committee of Recommendation what seem to me to be certain outstanding qualities which Dr. Douglas possesses and which commend her for the position in question.

Dr. Douglas in the first place is a person of outstanding ability and attainment in the field of learning and one of the foremost women in North America in the field of Astronomy and Astrophysics. She is also an excellent mathematician.

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(Signed) Frank D. Adams.

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The Secretary,
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Dear Sir,

In support of the application which my colleague, Dr. A.V. Douglas, M.B.E., is making for the position as Warden of Royal Victoria College, I should like to add a few sentences.

Owing to a common interest in some problems in Astrophysics, Dr. Douglas and I worked for a time at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, and at the 1932 solar eclipse. Through these opportunities especially I came to know the remarkably fine blend of qualities in her character.

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The International Federation of University Women has recently appointed a Selection Committee to deal with applications for International Fellowships. The Committee consists of five from Europe and five from the Americas. Dr. Douglas has been appointed as one of the five from this side.

In my opinion, Dr. Douglas is admirably fitted to fill with honour and distinction the position for which she has made application.

Yours sincerely,

J. S. Foster
Macdonald Professor of Physics.

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As from
40 Charles St. E.,
Toronto.

To the Governors,
Royal Victoria College, Montreal.

I have known Miss Alice Vibert Douglas for more than thirty years, and have had the pleasure of living at her home from time to time. Others will of course certify as to her scholarship and mental ability, for both of which I have great admiration.

I most gladly testify as to her sterling character, her earnestness and zeal in whatever she sets her hand to, and as to her strong sense of duty.

The cheerfulness and thoughtfulness of her daily life are based on genuine religious interest and are helped not only by philosophical studies, but also by fondness for the open air and its pursuits.

H. J. Hamilton.

Bp.

26 Willow Road,

Hampstead,

N.W.3.

The Secretary,
McGill University.

Dear Sir,

It is well known that Miss A.V. Douglas, M.B.E., Ph.D., is a woman of fine character and high ability, equally gifted as a writer, lecturer and speaker, with no equal in Canada. Her main subjects are Physics and Astronomy in which she has achieved distinction which has received recognition in her election as a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of London. If Miss Douglas were appointed Warden of the Royal Victoria College her own achievements would be an inspiration and stimulus to the undergraduates and in any case her good sense and wise judgment would enable her to guide them and to bring continued success to the College.

I write this with the confidence due to many years of cooperation with this distinguished woman.

(Signed) A. S. Eve, F.R.S.

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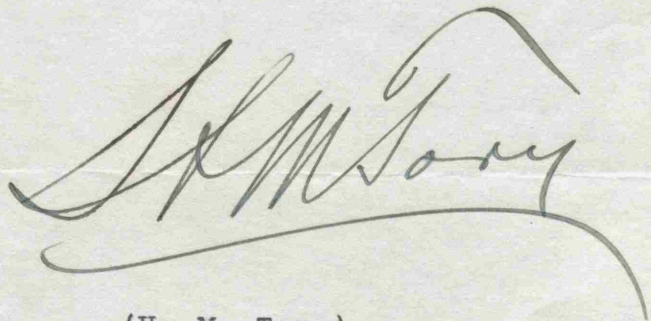
Ottawa, January 14, 1937

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am informed that Dr. Allie Vibert Douglas is applying for the position of Warden of the Royal Victoria College. It gives me great pleasure to support her application.

I have known Miss Douglas and her work for a number of years. She is a woman of rare intellectual ability, having had a long academic training and a wide experience. I had an excellent opportunity of observing her administrative skill during the World War where she was associated with me in connection with the work of the Khaki University. I found her not only keen and responsible for the work assigned to her, but that she possessed wide human sympathies and understanding of human problems which enabled her to work effectively with other people.

I am confident she has the administrative skill and the necessary sense of discipline to successfully fill the position. I know of no one that I would recommend more heartily.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "H. M. Tory". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

(H. M. Tory)

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TELEPHONE NO.
METROPOLITAN 3134.

11. Old Jewry, London, E.C.2.

13th January, 1937.

From Sir Auckland Geddes.

Gentlemen,

I learn that Mrs Vaughan is retiring from the Wardenship of the Royal Victoria College, and that the Vacancy is being advertised. Might I suggest to you to consider the claim of Dr. A. Vibert Douglas.

Dr. Douglas worked under me during the World War in the Ministry of National Service, She impressed me as a woman of great intellectual capacity and character, and as one capable of supporting a load of responsibility.

In the years that have elapsed I have followed Dr. Douglas's work, so far as it has been published, with great interest and appreciation, and I believe that it would be difficult to find a woman more suitably qualified for the vacant post than Dr. Douglas.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

The Governors of McGill University,
MONTREAL,
CANADA

A. Geddes

Copy

13th Jan 1937

My dear Miss D

I enclose a letter wh. I hope may be
of some use to you in con. with your app.
for the W. Ship of the R. V. C., and
I send you my best wishes for the success
of your candidature.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

A. G.

Application for the Post of Warden of the Royal Victoria College.

By

ALICE VIBERT DOUGLAS

(a) Born in Montreal, December 1894.

(b) Single

(c) Elementary Education.

1902 - 1904 English Private Schools at Heathfield, Sussex, and in London.

1904 - 1912 Westmount Academy.

Matriculated June 1912 with first place in School leaving examinations and a McGill Entrance Scholarship.

University Education.

McGill University 1912 - 1915 following the B.A. course towards Honours in Mathematics and Physics. Second Year Exhibition and third and fourth year Scholarships obtained. Extra courses in Radioactivity, in History, Theory and Practice of Education, and in Philosophy taken in Second or Third years. Took part in Debating and Public Speaking Contests at Delta Sigma Society of R. V. C. Played on Basketball team; sports champion 1914. Summer sports - Sailing, Swimming.

Interval of four years - War Service.

1919 - 1920 Fourth year in Arts. Extra courses taken in elementary Anatomy, Physiology, and *physical education for Teachers Physical Education diploma.* Graduated with first class honours in Mathematics and Physics and Anne Melson Gold Medal. B.A. May 1920.

1920 - 1921 Graduate student and Demonstrator in Physics. M. Sc. May 1921. Awarded I.O.D.E. War Memorial Overseas Scholarship.

Cambridge University (Newnham College)

1921 - 1923 Research work in Cavendish Laboratory under the direction of Professor Sir E. (Lord) Rutherford; and in Cambridge Observatory under Professor (Sir) A. S. Eddington. Attended miscellaneous lectures on wide range of subjects.

Yerkes Observatory (University of Chicago)

1925 - Summer - Research assistant. Obtained astronomical plates and spectroscopic data subsequently embodied in Ph.D. thesis.

McGill University 1926 Ph.D.

(d) I have held no post similar to that of Warden of the Royal Victoria College.

(e) Teaching Experience

1920 - 1921 McGill University. Demonstrator in Physics

Interval of two years at Cambridge

1923 - 1927 Demonstrator in Physics.

During these years as Demonstrator, I also lectured regularly in the following courses:

Third year (Properties of Matter) 1920 - 21;
1923 - 24; 1926 - 27.

Pharmacy students (General Physics.) 1923 - 27.

M. S. P. E. students (General Physics.) 1924 - 27.

1927 - to the present time. Lecturer in Astrophysics.

I continued to give the lectures in General Physics to Pharmacy men from 1927 to 1930 when the course was discontinued due to change in University

policy regarding Pharmacy students. The lectures in General Physics to M. S. P. E. students were given from 1927 - 1933, when this course was discontinued due to new University regulations.

I inaugurated two courses in Astrophysics adapted to meet the requirements of undergraduates

(P.11), and of graduate students (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) P.19.

P. 19. These have been given as follows:

P.11 - 1926 - 27; 1933 - 34; 1935 - 36; 1936 - 37.

P.19 - 1930 - 31; 1934 - 35.

Having obtained the sanction of Faculty last year, I am this year giving a course of three lectures

weekly, open to B. A. students of any year, entitled Outline of Physical Science (P.1B). This course also includes ten laboratory periods.

At the request of Prof. Fred Clarke in 1933 - 34, I gave a special course of twenty-four lectures on the methods and spirit of scientific investigation to graduate and undergraduate students of the Department of Education, who were intending to become Science specialists in High Schools.

Extension course in Astronomy - ten evening lectures in the autumn of 1934.

Lectures on Astronomy and its influence throughout the centuries, to Summer School for Clergyman, Macdonald College

1932 August - Three lectures.

1936 August - Five lectures.

Laboratory instruction since 1927 in General Physics, P1; Heat, Light and Sound, P2; Advanced Heat, P8B; Optics and Spectroscopy, P6B; Practical Astrophysics, P11 and P19.

Lyceum Lectures arranged by Department of Extramural Relations, in Montreal (Approximately 6), Compton (2), St. Andrews East (2), Drummondville (2), Hawkesbury (2), Quebec, Beauharnois, Howick, Pte. Claire, Shawinigan Falls.

Special Lectures (By invitation).

Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Science, 1928.

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Toronto, 1930

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Ottawa, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1938.

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Montreal, 1926, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1936. 1937.

McGill Physical Society, 1928, 1932, 1936.

McGill Chemical Society, 1927, 1934.

Montreal Women's Club, 1930.

Ottawa Women's Club, 1927, 1929.

St. James Literary Society, Montreal, 1928, 1938.

Royal Empire Society, Montreal, 1936.

Miscellaneous lectures to Clubs, Societies, Schools, Churches, Y.M.C.A.'s, etc, 1923 - 1937, approximately seventy.

Scientific contributions presented before Section C Royal Society of Canada in Ottawa (3), Toronto (2), Quebec (1), Kingston (1). 1938 Ottawa (1)

To American Astronomical Association meeting in Ottawa (1).

To A.A.A.S. Ottawa 1938 (1)

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Miscellaneous Experience.

(1) Student Advising - I assisted Miss Hurlbatt as Advisor to first year students in 1920 and from 1923 onwards until all registration was arranged for in the Arts Building, at which time I was appointed to the Board of Student Advisors, and have served continuously since that time. I value the close contacts that have been established with

some of my advisees and with many other students in and out of class room and laboratory.

(2) Committee Experience.

Member and former Convenor of Committee of Selection for Scholarship of Canadian Federation of University Women 1931 to date.

Member of Selection Committee (one of two representing McGill University) I.O.D.E. War Memorial Overseas Scholarship 1931 to date.

Member of Committee of Selection for Loans and Bursaries for Royal Victoria College students (McGill Alumnae Society).

Member of Executive of McGill Alumnae Society,

First Vice-president 1935-37.

*Canadian Representative on Fellowship Award Committee - Int. Fed. Univ. Women
1937 - 1939 + 1943*

(3) War Service.

London 1915 - 1919.

Appointed by Brig.-Gen. (afterwards Sir Auckland)

Campbell Geddes as Chief of women clerks,

Statistical Branch Department of Recruiting,
War Office.

I was responsible for the discipline of the Office, the organization and supervision of work and the training for the particular type of work involved.

The women clerks ranged in age from 17 to 60

years. This department became Ministry of

National Service in 1917. My section was responsible for statistical records pertaining to Military

(Nat. Service) Tribunals, exemptions granted or

refused; Medical Tribunals; Special Category

enlistments and man power survey - Munition workers

Agriculturists, etc; Graphs, Reports and Estimates.

M.B.E. conferred, January 1st, 1918.

Appointed by Dr. (T/Col.) E. M. Tory as Registrar

of the Khaki University of Canada, London (autumn

1918 - summer 1919).

(4) Membership in Societies.

Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (London)

Life Member of the Royal Astronomical Society of

Canada, Montreal Centre. (Secretary since 1923,

Secretary-Treasurer since 1929).

Life member of the American Astronomical Association.

Life member of the Amateur Association of Variable Star Observers.

Member of McGill Physical Society, (President 1928, 1936)

Member of McGill Chapter of Society of Sigma Xi.

Member of Women's Canadian Club of Montreal.

(5) Membership in Religious and Philanthropic Organizations.

Member of United Church of Canada.
Member of Board of Directors of the Old Brewery Mission and of the joint Board of O. B. M. and Iverley Community Centre.

(6) Household Management.

While I have had no experience in the management of an institution, I have had long and thorough training in home economics and household management. I therefore feel that this aspect of the Warden's duties would not present problems of an entirely unfamiliar or baffling nature. I have had considerable experience of home nursing which forms a background in case of emergency.

(7) Health.

My record during the fifteen years that I have been on the Staff of McGill University is, I think, a total of two lectures and three laboratory periods lost due to physical indisposition. During 1936, my heart and eyes were tested and pronounced to be in first class condition. *1937-39 lost 5 lectures, 3 lab periods.*

(8) Travel.

1902 - 1904 British Isles.
1915 - 1919 British Isles, France, Belgium.
1921 - 1923 British Isles, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain.
1927 Spain, Portugal.
1930 British Isles.
1932 By motor car to Victoria, B.C.
(Astronomical work at Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in collaboration with Prof. J. S. Foster, F.R.S., with aid of National Research Council grant) and return by Mt. Wilson Observatory, California.

(9) Publications.

A Technical Papers.

1. Spectroscopic magnitudes of A type stars. Astrophysical Journal, Nov. 1926.
2. Spectroscopic Absolute magnitudes and Parallaxes of 200 A type stars, J. R.A.S.C. Oct. 1926.
3. Real and Apparent Radial Velocities. Monthly Notices, Royal Astronomical Society, London, May 1924.

4. The Behaviour of the Cyanogen Band near $\lambda 4200$ in the Spectra of Three Variable Stars, M. N. R.A.S. Oct. 1930.
5. The Range in Spectrum Variation of Alpha Ursae Minoris, M. N. R.A.S. Oct. 1930.
6. Astrophysical Estimates of Ionization Potentials of Iron, Yttrium and Lanthanum, Nature 1928.
7. -----of Vanadium, Nature, Apr. 20, 1929.
8. Sizes of Particles in Pelagic Deposits, Proc. Royal Society, Edinburgh, 1923.

In collaboration with Prof. A.S. Eddington, F.R.S.
9. Progression of Stellar Velocities with absolute Magnitude, M. N. R.A.S. Jan. 1923.

In collaboration with Prof. G. Vibert Douglas, F.C.S.
10. The Interpretation of the Wegener Frequency Curve, Geol. Mag. 1923.
11. A Solution of Fault Problems, Can. Mining and Metallurgical Bul. 1928.

In collaboration with Prof. J.S. Foster, F.R.S.
12. Analysis of Profiles of Helium Lines in Spectra of B stars, Nature, Sept. 15, 1934.

Etc. Four minor papers.

ARTICLES

- B 1. The Spirit of Seeking. The Hibbert Journal, July 1932.
2. Other Little Ships. Atlantic Monthly, Aug. 1925.
3. The Energy of Starlight. Atlantic Monthly, Oct. 1928.
4. From Atoms to Stars. Atlantic Monthly, Aug. 1929.
5. Between the Stars. Atlantic Monthly, Jan. 1931.
6. Time - from the Astronomer's Standpoint. University of Toronto Quarterly, July 1932.
7. Measuring the Universe - Discovery (London) Sept. 1925.
8. Immensities of Time and Space, Discovery (London) Aug. 1925.
9. Astrophysics - The Riddle of Star Distances, Discovery (London) May 1926.
10. Island Galaxies, Discovery - (London) Mar. 1928
11. The Chemistry of the Stars - Discovery - (London) Oct. 1928.
12. Cosmic Rays, Discovery - (London) Mar. 1929.
13. The Mystery of Motion, Discovery (London) Oct. 1929.
14. History of McGill Physical Society, McGill News, Mar. 1925.

15. Astronomy and the University, McGill News, Dec. 1925.
 16. The Calendar of the Future, McGill News, Sept. 1934.
- Etc. Fourteen minor articles and book reviews in Journal R.A.S.C., Science, Teacher's Magazine, etc.
No. 8 and No. 10 in the above list were reprinted in the Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, 1925, 1928 respectively.

10. Testimonials.

About eight years ago I was unofficially invited to apply for the position of Resident Tutor in Natural Philosophy at Newnham College, Cambridge. About two years later, also unofficially, I was advised to apply for the position of Director of the Physics Department at Barnard College, New York, U.S.A. Family responsibilities during those years rendered it out of the question for me to consider these possibilities.

I have the honour to submit copies of testimonials from the following:

Mr. Justice A. Rives Hall, Montreal.
Dr. F. D. Adams, F.R.S., Montreal.
Dr. A. Norman Shaw, F.R.S.C., McGill University.
Dr. J. S. Foster, F.R.S., McGill University.
Rt. Rev. H. J. Hamilton, Toronto.
DR. H. M. TORY, OTTAWA
DR. A. S. EVE, F.R.S. LONDON.
SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES. LONDON.

Reference may be made to any of the above or to the following:

Mr. David A. Keys, F.R.S.C. McGill University.
Dr. H. MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto.
Dr. H. M. Tory, Bella Vista, Rockcliffe, Ottawa
MRS. W. VAUGHAN, R.Y.C.

If so be that this application commend itself to the committee, I would like to add that I do not wish to give up all teaching. I would ask that permission be granted me to continue my lecturing in Physics 1B and in Physics 11.

Physics 1B (Outline of Physical Science) is the new course that I have planned, and am giving this session for the first time. I believe that it is meeting a real need in the Faculty of Arts and proving valuable and stimulating to the students. It is designed to give the fundamental principles and progress of Physics and Astronomy and to show the influence that has been exerted by the theories and facts of physical science upon the development of Philosophy and Literature as well as upon other branches of science.

Physics 11 and 19 (Astrophysics) can never by their very nature draw large classes, but I have had convincing proof of their value. This year two fourth year students, one taking Honours in Mathematics, the other pursuing a general course towards the B.A. with Physics as a continuation subject, are registered and it is a sheer joy to me to lecture to them.

Richard Douglas

FRANK D. ADAMS, D.Sc., F.R.S.
EMERITUS PROFESSOR



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FDA:IMP.

SECRETARY AND BURSAR
F. OWEN STREDDER



MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL, CANADA

January
Twenty-ninth
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Dear Dr. Douglas:

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of January 22nd enclosing six copies of a further letter in connection with your application for the post of Warden of the Royal Victoria College.

Yours sincerely,

F. Owen Stredder

Dr. A.V. Douglas,
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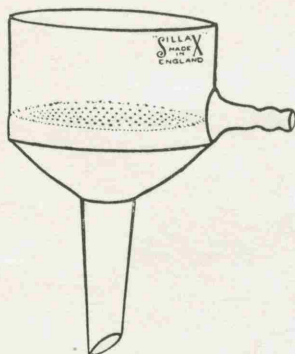
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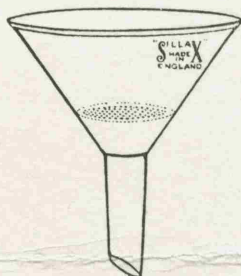
In my opinion, Dr Douglas is admirably fitted to fill with honour
and distinction the position for which she has made application
Yours sincerely,
J. S. Foster.

"SILLAX" LABORATORY PORCELAIN



8597. FUNNELS, Buchner, patent form, with side tubular and internal baffle. This mechanism allows the suction being applied to the funnel itself instead of to a special receiver. There is no danger at any normal rate of filtration of the filtrate being sucked over. This funnel can, therefore, be used with any form of receiver, and subsequent operations can be conducted in the same vessel.

No.	A	B	C	D	E
Each, duty paid.....	\$1.00	1.38	1.88	2.69	3.13
" " free .....	.81	1.13	1.56	2.19	2.81
No.	F	G	H	J	K
Each, duty paid.....	\$4.44	5.63	8.25	14.44	30.31
" " free	3.69	4.69	6.25	11.88	25.00



8600. FUNNELS, Hirsch, glazed throughout with exception of rim, with conical sides and fixed perforated plate.

No.	A	B	C	D	E	F
Diameter, top, mm.	60	75	95	110	135	150
Dia. perforated area, mm.	20	30	30	45	45	55
Length of tube, mm.	35	40	40	71	75	85
Diameter of tube, mm....	14	15	17	19	23	25
Each, duty paid	\$.70	.70	.90	1.08	1.38	3.66
" " free .....	.54	.54	.69	.94	1.06	2.81

13590. PIPETTE REST.

Size, mm.	75x65
Each, duty paid	\$1.08
" " free .....	.81

13645. PLATE for Colour reactions, with 12 concavities.

Size, mm.	115x90
Each, duty paid	\$.81
" " free .....	.63

13650. PLATE, Porcelain, glazed, square 6" x 6", for colour reactions.

Each, duty paid	\$.81
" " free .....	.63

14375. RINGS, Concentric: Six rings and cover.

Outside diameter, largest ring, mm	155
Each, duty paid	\$4.71
" " free	3.63

Orders for less than \$5.00 accepted only on "duty-paid" basis.

As from
40 Charles St. E.,
Toronto.

To the Governors,
Royal Victoria College, Montreal.

I have known Miss Alice Vibert Douglas for more than thirty years, and have had the pleasure of living at her home from time to time. Others will of course certify as to her scholarship and mental ability, for both of which I have great admiration.

I most gladly testify as to her sterling character, her earnestness and zeal in whatever she sets her hand to, and as to her strong sense of duty.

The cheerfulness and thoughtfulness of her daily life are based on genuine religious interest and are helped not only by philosophical studies, but also by fondness for the open air and its pursuits.

H. J. Hamilton.

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H. J. Hamilton,
Pop.
(formerly of Mid-Japan
but now retired.)

Ottawa, January 14, 1937

Miss Allie Vibert Douglas,
Department of Physics,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

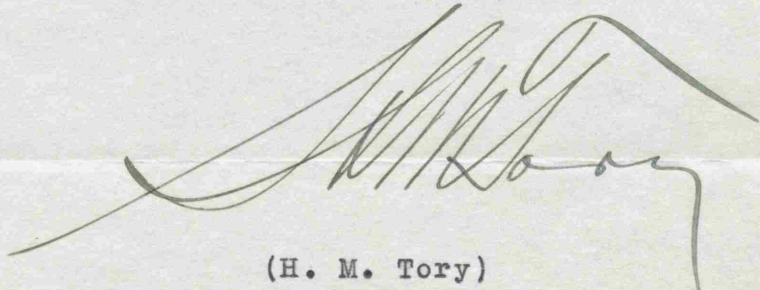
Dear Miss Douglas:

In reply to your letter of
January 12th, I am enclosing a state-
ment for you to use as a reference.

I assure you it gives me
great pleasure so to do, and I hope
you may be successful in getting the
appointment.

With kind regards and all
good wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. M. Tory'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a vertical stroke at the end.

(H. M. Tory)

Personal & Private

FRANK D. ADAMS, D.Sc., F.R.S.
EMERITUS PROFESSOR

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Jan. 16/37.



McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

My dear Alice -

I am enclosing the letter - & wish
you all possible success and satisfaction -

Yours very sincerely

Frank D. Adams

122 South Drive

Toronto.

January 13th

1934

Dear Dr. Allie.

Had a very pleasant talk with Dr. Chipman this morning. He tells me that he is not the Chairman of the Selection Committee: the Principal is the Chairman and Dr. Chipman is one of the members. We listened attentively and with apparent interest to all that he said - sat down at his desk in the Royal York 1194 Suite Parlour and made many notes - asked a few questions and said to me "When I get back to Montreal I will go to see Dr. Douglas". I replied that I felt sure you would be glad to go to see him, and, if you approve, perhaps you would telephone him and make an appointment to call on him. Maybe he is supposed to have retired, he is still rather a busy man.

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Please tell him about your
work in the war. I could
not remember what it was
that you devoted yourself to, and I
wish you would tell him about the
M.I.E. - I am afraid I forgot that -
just tell him that I asked you to.

122 South Drive,
Toronto.

Saw Miss Coleman late on in the
morning and she said that I
might give you her thanks for your
Christmas greeting and for your
"lovely letter". She and I are both
much interested about - the new
war too - and hope for the best.

if there is anything I can do -
please let me know and please
keep me advised of the progress of
events. When will the matter be decided?

Yours affectionately
Helen MacLure Day

122 South Drive

Toronto.

Jan. 8th 1954

My dear Doctor

I have just got your letter and hasten to say that I am delighted to hear that you will let your name go forward to the Selection Committee. They could not have anyone better for the warden of the R. V. C. than yourself and do hope you will be appointed. I shall consider it an honour if you will put my name down to act as a reference. Fortunately, Dr. Chipman is to be here on Jan. 13th, and, if you have no objection, I shall be glad to see him on your behalf.

Three Cheers!

Ever affectionately yours
Klein MacLennan

11, Old Jewry, London, E.C.2.

13th January, 1937.

From Sir Auckland Geddes.

Gentlemen,

I learn that Mrs. Vaughan is retiring from the Wardenship of the Royal Victoria College, and that the Vacancy is being advertised. Might I suggest to you to consider the claim of Dr. A. Vibert Douglas.

Dr. Douglas worked under me during the World War in the Ministry of National Service. She impressed me as a woman of great intellectual capacity and character, and as one capable of supporting a load of responsibility.

In the years that have elapsed I have followed Dr. Douglas's work, so far as it has been published, with great interest and appreciation, and I believe that it would be difficult to find a woman more suitably qualified for the vacant post than Dr. Douglas.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A.C.Geddes.

The Governors of McGill University,
MONTREAL,
CANADA

Letter from Dr. A Norman Shaw, F.R.S.C.

Letter from Dr. H. M. Tory, C.B.E., F.R.S.C.

Copy. I am informed that Dr. A. N. Shaw is applying for the pos. of W. of the R.V.C. It gives me great pleasure to support her application.

I have known Miss D. & her work for a number of years. She is a woman of rare intellectual ability, having had a long academic training & wide experience. I had an excellent opp. of obs. her administrative skill during the world war when she was associated with me in connection with the work of the Khaki University. I found her not only keen & responsible for the work assigned to her, but that she possessed wide human sympathies and understanding of human problems which enabled her to work effectively with other people.

I am confident she has the administrative skill and the necessary sense of discipline to successfully fill the position. I know of no one that I wd. recommend more heartily.

Sgd. H. M. Tory.

Ottawa Jan 14.
1937.

10.1.37

26, WILLOW ROAD,
HAMPSTEAD,
N.W. 3.
HAMPSTEAD O270.

Dear Min Doyle,

It is with great
pleasure that I write the
enclosed recommendation.
If you are offered the post,
take it. If you are not,
you may well feel that your
talents are not wasted in
your other lines of work,
and that you have escaped
a heavy load of responsibility
which might very well fall
on the shoulders of those who

have not your special
gifts. So that in either case
you win! I hope however
that someday there will be
more scope in Canada for
women of distinction, & perhaps
by degrees you may be able
to help in bringing that to
pass.

With the very best wishes
from Mrs. E. & myself

Yours very sincerely

Stewart Lee

To the Principal
McGill University
Dear Sir,

26, WILLOW ROAD,
HAMPSTEAD,
N.W. 3.
HAMPSTEAD O27D.

It is well known that Miss
A. V. Douglas, ^{Ph. D.} D.Sc., is a woman
of fine character & high ability,
equally gifted as a writer,
lecturer & speaker, with no
equal in Canada. Her main
subjects are Physics & Astronomy
in which she has achieved
distinction which has received
recognition in her election as a
Fellow of the Royal ^{astronomical} Society of
^{London} ~~Canada~~. If Miss Douglas
were appointed Warden of the
Royal Victoria College her own
achievements would be an
inspiration & stimulus to the

undergraduates & in any case
her good sense & wise judgment
would enable her to guide
them and to bring continued
success to the College. I
write this with the confidence
due to many years of
cooperation with this
distinguished woman.

Alfred F. R. S.

10.1.37